

A message from the Assistant Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending January 25, 2019

WE Support One Another

An extraordinary event took place this week in the Cherry Hill Public Schools, thanks to the spirit of collaboration among our students.

This past week, with its bracingly cold weather that forced the cancellation of some Martin Luther King Day of Service events, reminded us that winter is truly here. We all soldier on, of course, as our staff and students continue to stoke the warmth of discovery, creativity and kindness in our classrooms, our clubs and activities, and on our sports teams. One particularly dazzling event took place this week with our swim teams at both high schools – setting a great example for all of us in the Cherry Hill Community.

On January 22, the Cherry Hill West and Cherry Hill East held their annual “East vs. West” swim meet – always an exciting event of fierce and friendly competition. This year, however, the swimmers focused their competitive energy into collaboration. Both teams banded together to support West senior

UPCOMING EVENTS

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

February 4 @ 6 pm
A. Russell Knight
Elementary School
140 Old Carriage Road

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

February 4 @ 7 pm
A. Russell Knight
Elementary School
140 Old Carriage Road

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

February 5 @ 6 pm
John A. Carusi Middle School

captain Matthew Stankus, pictured above in the front row, left, who is fighting a rare form of cancer. We are so proud of these athletes who, even in competition, showed support for one of their own! Their t-shirts read: "EAST AND WEST 2019" on the front and "STANKUS" on the back. This event has garnered [wonderful media coverage](#) and widespread social media attention. I want to thank and commend all of these student athletes for leading by example, showing that **WE** are one community: **WE** are Cherry Hill!

If you haven't yet connected with us on social media to keep up with events like this as they happen, please be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). For keeping up to date with District and school events, be sure to download our free District app from the App Store or Google Play – then customize it to feed your school's information, in addition to District information, directly to you. Have a question for us that's also of interest to the larger community? Submit it via our [Quick Question](#) portal for a publicly posted answer!

This is a busy season for informational sessions in our District, as High School Course Selection meetings have already happened and our High School Open Houses are under way, with East having held theirs on the 23rd and West's coming up on the 30th at 7 pm. As always, we encourage families of rising high school freshmen to attend both open houses so that they are making an informed decision about which of our excellent high schools to choose.

It has been my great pleasure to meet more and more students and families as I take on additional responsibilities during Dr. Meloche's absence. As a graduate of Thomas Paine Elementary, Carusi Middle School and Cherry Hill High School West, myself, it's truly an honor to serve the District where I found a love of learning. I would like to thank everyone for the warm "welcome back" I have received so far. I look forward to meeting more of you in the days to come.

Enjoy the weekend!

[Justin Smith](#)

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Media Center
315 Roosevelt Drive

[Board of Education Strategic Planning Committee Meeting](#)

February 5 @ 7 pm
John A. Carusi Middle School
Media Center
315 Roosevelt Drive

[Board of Education Work Session](#)

February 12 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

[SCHOOLS CLOSED](#)

February 15
Teacher In-Service Day
and
February 18
Presidents' Day



Temporary Free & Reduced Price Lunch Assistance Available to Furloughed Parents

Temporary free & reduced price lunch assistance is available to CHPS parents who are furloughed during the government shutdown. Please contact Alisha Wilson in the CHPS business office at awilson@chclc.org or (856) 429-5600, extension 4348.



Dates for Kindergarten Registration and Middle School Open Enrollment Information Now Available

Kindergarten and first grade registration (for children entering public school for the first time) for the 2019-2020 school year will begin on February 1, 2019. Children must be five years old on or before October 1, 2019 in order to be eligible for kindergarten. [Dates for registration at specific schools, as well as information on the registration process, are available online.](#)

[Dates and times for the CHPS Middle School Information Nights for 5th graders and their parents, as well as information on Middle School Open Enrollment, also](#)



CHAACA Holds Essay/Poster/Video Contest for Black History Month

The Cherry Hill African American Civic Association (CHAACA) is now accepting entries for its Black History Month 2019: The Reverend Ivan George Essay/Poster/Video Contest. The contest, open to all Cherry Hill Public School students K-12, focuses this year on the topic "Famous Local African Americans (born in/from New Jersey/Philadelphia). Monetary prizes will be awarded to winners at each grade level.

Submissions will be accepted until Friday, February 1, 2019. Full contest rules and information are available on

[are now available online.](#)

the [Cherry Hill Public Library web site](#). Entrants also may contact their school's guidance counselor for more information.

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